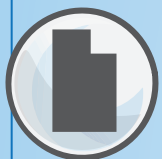




Raising a glass to

# UTAH'S DRINKING WATER

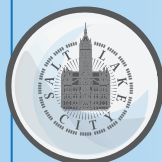
It may surprise many Utahns to learn how lucky they are when it comes to clean tap water. Drinking water, however, doesn't just happen. **The Utah Division of Drinking Water** regulates more than **1,000** drinking water systems serving more than **3 million** Utah residents.



Utah is the 2nd driest state in the U.S.A. with an average annual rainfall of **14.08** inches.



Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant, the first water treatment plant in Utah, was built in 1960 and designed to treat **150 million gallons per day**.



In 2014, Salt Lake City was declared the champion in a national taste test conducted by the American Water Works Association.



America's municipal water systems are responsible for more than **1.2 million miles** of water mains.



**75%** of the American population fall short of the **10** daily cups of drinking water prescribed by the U.S. Institute of Medicine.



The Division of Drinking Water monitors Utah's public drinking water closely—ensuring the quality of tap water. Point-of-use devices, like home water filters, can grow harmful bacteria when filters are not regularly changed and cannot always be trusted.

## 789

The number of Utah small water systems that serve less than 500 people and are staffed by part-time or volunteer staff certified by the Utah Division of Drinking Water.

## 80%

The percentage of all illnesses in the developing world that are water related.

## 358

Utah community water systems that use only groundwater sources for drinking water. This is nearly **75%** of the total community water systems.



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For more information on Utah's drinking water, visit [deq.utah.gov](http://deq.utah.gov).